

Nation Girds For A Mighty Effort In War Now On U. S.

Every Activity Be Called On In Victory Drive

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(P)—A bold Japanese foray that threatened to carry the horrors of the Pacific war to the continental United States put the nation on notice today that "it can happen here."

The detection of enemy aircraft over the strategically vital San Francisco area and the threat of an enemy carrier lurking off shore served as a realistic introduction for the report President Roosevelt has promised the country on the progress of hostilities with Japan.

Mr. Roosevelt's address—his first since the nation declared war on Japan—will be broadcast at 9 p. m. CST. The speech which the White House said would contain a "more complete documentation" of the war than has yet been possible, will be carried by all networks.

The presence of hostile aircraft off the Golden Gate—5,200 miles from Japan—stirred the capital, and was taken as notice that the front lines of the struggle may be in the main streets of Pacific Coast cities as well as in the bomb battered gun pits of Hawaii.

The interception and repulse of the raiders was a general source of gratification, but this was tempered by the fact that the planes were identified as a reconnaissance mission and by the realization of the extremely audacious strategy the Japanese would risk in their all-or-nothing, bid for supremacy in the Pacific and Asia.

The California area with its vast aircraft plants and shipyards offered a tempting cluster of targets for air raiders, informed sources agreed, but their shrewdest guess was that the Japanese hoped to strike a surprise blow at one of the major navy bases with the idea of inflicting further damage on the fleet's operating facilities ashore.

Active Aid By Hitler

Capitol Hill studied last night's reports from California against the background of a statement by Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) who said he had information that Hitler had promised Tokyo active assistance by February.

Gillette said his information came from a source so reliable in the past that it had predicted two months in advance that Japan planned to attack the United States in December. The Hitler pledge, he explained, was predicated on Nazi expectations to gain full control of the French fleet at the start of 1942.

The possibility of the French fleet falling into axis hands, now as always, aroused unfeigned concern in congressional circles, which had already heard reports of former French submarines serving in Japan's Pacific offensive.

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Plan A Party For Christmas

The Empty Stocking committee met at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Monday night to work out plans for the annual Christmas party, when several hundred children of the city will be entertained, and remembered with Christmas gifts.

The committee decided to have the party, at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, December 24, at the Fox theatre, which is in the downtown business district. The children will probably assemble at the court house, then go to the party at the theatre when the doors are opened at 9:30.

Further details of the affair will be worked out at a later meeting to be held, J. H. Bagby, general chairman of the committee said.

Two new committees were named at the meeting, one in charge of arrangements, the other in charge of public speaking. Its members are: Arrangements committee, Mrs. A. A. Ferguson, chairman; Loan Richardson, Mrs. Grace Young, Mrs. C. E. Van Horn and Mrs. E. W. Richardson. Speaking committee, Rev. A. R. Park, chairman, L. L. Studer, Rev. H. U. Campbell, and Mrs. A. A. Ferguson.

To make the party possible, as in past years, money will be needed. The only way it can be obtained is by popular subscription, contributions to the Empty Stocking Fund.

The following contributions have been made to date:

- Mrs. C. O. Howe, \$3.00.
- C. E. Games, \$1.00.
- Mrs. Florence Thomas Middle- ton, \$1.00.

Contributions may be left at the Democrat office.

Protection To Bridges And Water Supply

Utilities Also Are On Alert To Keep Up Service

Public utilities in Sedalia did not wait for a declaration of war to take precautions to safeguard their properties, but did so more than a year ago. When the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., manager, Mr. Harold W. Ehrler, The City Light and Traction Co., general manager, H. C. Feuers, and the Sedalia Water Co., manager I. H. Reed, were questioned they gave out this information:

Bridges on Highways 50 east and west and on 65 north and south are under the protection of armed guards of the state highway department. Employees of the department took up their guard duty at 7 o'clock Monday night under direct orders from Governor Forrest C. Donnell.

All employees of the state highway department in Pettis county today took the oath of office as deputy sheriffs and will maintain twenty-four hour guard duty at the bridges until further notice. This information was released by H. L. Morris, district foreman in Pettis and Benton, who also said bridges on the main highway through Benton county are also guarded.

In Pettis county guards working twenty-four hour shifts are stationed at the Flat creek bridge south of Sedalia, Muddy bridge on Highway 50 west and Muddy bridge on Highway 56 south of Sedalia. "Traffic is not being stopped and motorists are not molested unless they stop and park their cars near a bridge approach, otherwise they will be questioned."

Under Heavy Guard

The large bridge over the Lake of the Ozarks at Warsaw is also under heavy guard with orders (Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Sympathy On Flier's Death

A telegram, further confirming the death of Lieutenant George Allison Whiteman, 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whiteman, 623 West Twenty-fourth street, who was killed in action in Hawaii, Sunday, was received at the Whiteman home Monday night. It reads:

"Deeply regret to inform you official information received your son, Second Lieutenant George Allison Whiteman, air corps killed December 7, in Hawaii. No decision now possible as to when the remains can be returned. You will be further advised when shipment is contemplated. Adams, the Adjutant General's office, Washington, D. C."

It was followed by another telegram, received about 10:30 o'clock this morning, which reads: "I wish to extend to you personally, on behalf of the officers of the war department, our sincere sympathies in the death of Lieutenant Whiteman, Marshall, Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C."

Mr. Whiteman, employed in St. Louis, did not receive news of the death of his son until he returned to his room, after work Monday afternoon. He arrived in Sedalia at an early hour this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Whiteman and their children are anxiously waiting for further word, particularly some of the details as to the manner in which their son met his death.

How To Follow Clock In The Pacific War

(By The Associated Press)

Japan is fifteen hours ahead of Kansas City time.

This table gives the time in the principal points involved in the Pacific war when it is 11 a. m. Kansas City time:

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| Samoa—6 a. m. same day. |
| Hawaii—6:30 a. m. same day. |
| Pacific Coast—9 a. m. same day. |
| London—6 p. m. same day. |
| Berlin—7 p. m. same day. |
| Moscow—8 p. m. same day. |
| Singapore—8 p. m. same day. |
| Thailand—Midnight same day. |
| Indo-China—Midnight same day. |
| Dutch East Indies—12:30 a. m. next day. |
| Manila—1 a. m. next day. |
| Tokyo—2 a. m. next day. |

Line Up With U. S. For War

Pan American Countries Join To Combat Japan

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 9.—(P)—Diplomatic, military and legislative activities among Pan American republics indicated a progressive alignment with the United States today in the war against Japan.

Chile announced that the United States had accepted her suggestion for a conference of all 21 American foreign ministers to formulate a common policy toward Japan, and foreign minister, Oswaldo Aranha of Brazil seconded the idea.

Panama, through which runs the strategic canal zone, declared war upon Japan, following the lead of a half dozen other nations in a movement started by Costa Rica.

The Dominican republic's congress authorized such a declaration.

The Cuban congress gathered today to authorize a declaration of war against Japan and consider the case of Germany and Italy, her allies.

Mexico and Columbia broke off diplomatic relations with Japan. Moreover Chile and Mexico ordered naval patrols to operate off their Pacific coasts. The Chilean fleet also is to protect the Straits of Magellan, where German raiders sheltered at intervals during the World war.

Neutral Argentina announced that a resolution to declare the United States a non-belligerent would be considered by the cabinet today. Approval of this measure would permit United States ships to use Argentine ports in the war against Japan.

Uruguay, Colombia and apparently Brazil were ready to extend the same facilities and Uruguay announced that the privilege would be granted the fleets of "any other nation, American or European," joining the United States against aggression."

Peru froze Japanese funds and proclaimed solidarity with the United States.

Brazil took over 12 Italian ships in her ports and Colombia two Italian tankers.

A Japanese merchant ship was reported in Mexico City to have arrived at Manzanillo, on Mexico's west coast to embark Japanese nationalists who wish to return home.

About 300 Cuban youths—shouting "Death to Fascism, Death to Nazism, Death to the Falange"—ripped Spanish flags from two downtown clubs in Havana. There was a similar demonstration at Ranchuelo.

War Needs Money

"It will cost money to defeat Japan. Your government calls on YOU to help NOW."

"Buy defense bonds or stamps today. Buy them every day, if you can. But buy them on a regular basis."

"Bonds cost as little as \$18.75, stamps come as low as 10 cents. Defense bonds and stamps can be bought at all banks and post offices, and stamps can also be purchased at retail stores and from your newspaper carrier boy."

"The Sedalia Democrat urges all Americans to support your government with your dollars."

Ruin Displays In Blackout

Excited Crowd At Seattle Shatters Store Windows

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—(P)—Smashing show windows and looting displays, a crowd of more than 1,000 persons enforced Seattle's first wartime blackout in defiance of police today.

The crowd, completely out of control of city police, milled through the center of the city's business district for an hour beginning at midnight. Approximately 30 show windows, ranging from tiny shoe shop panes to huge glass plates, were smashed.

Nearly all of the displays were looted, some of the merchandise being thrown in the streets.

The demonstration began at Fourth avenue and Pike street, the city's busiest corner, beneath a huge blue neon sign stretching nearly half a block on each side of an upstairs clothing store. The sign shed a ghastly glow over the intersection. All other lights were turned off at 11 p. m.

Yells and catcalls commenced almost immediately and by midnight bottles, rocks, tin cans and old shoes were being heaved despite the efforts of a squad of police.

Eventually, an employee of a sign company broke out of a third floor window from inside the building and inched his way along the top of the sign—in a shower of miscellaneous missiles—to a connection to extinguish the light.

Urged By Women

Moving away from the intersection, the crowd, urged on by shouting women, gathered at a small jewelry store across the street where a single light burned in an entry. A rock thrown from far back smashed the plate glass door and a triumphant youngster rushed inside to grab the offending bulb.

Missiles showered against windows of another jewelry store where lighted Christmas trees had been left burning. One bottle cracked a door pane; and to divert the crowd's attention, a police officer knocked out the remainder of the glass and crawled inside to the light switch.

The next objective was two doors away, where two windows splintered under the impact of boots. The crowd waited only long enough to see lights inside blink out, then streamed across the street past a hopelessly outnumbered police cordon to smash the display in a shoe store showing one of the most expensive lines of men's footwear. After the crowd moved on, the store front gaped vacantly, most of the displayed footwear gone.

In all, the main crowd covered six city blocks, leaving a wake of shattered glass and missing merchandise ranging from watches to photograph frames—but not a single remaining window illumination.

Navy press officers said they (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Only Casualty From Missouri

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(P)—The war department published the army's first official casualty list of the war today, making public the names of 37 army officers and men killed in action in the Japanese attack on Hawaii.

Six were commissioned officers, all of the air forces and the others were air corps men.

The names were announced as a partial list of the casualties resulting from Sunday's bombardment of the island of Oahu, Hawaii, by Japanese air units.

"The adjutant general of the army, in each case, notified the next of kin of the deep regret of the secretary of war at the death of this soldier in the defense of his country," the war department said.

The list included:

- Second Lieutenant George A. Whiteman, nearest relative John C. Whiteman, Sedalia, Mo.

Lieutenant Whiteman was the only casualty reported from Missouri.

Company F. To Meet At Armory Tonight

All non-commissioned officers and recent recruits of Co. F, 4th Missouri Military Forces, will meet at the armory, 214 South Osage avenue, at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Enemy Planes Off California Coast

Air Raid Alarm To Give Test As They Soar In Near 'Frisco Bay

Two Given In New York In Lapse Of Hour

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Major General Herbert A. Dargue, commander of the First Air Force, said today in a statement that "I do not think" a series of air raid alarms in the eastern section of the United States was a rehearsal.

Public safety officials had said the alarms were a rehearsal, and that reports of approaching enemy planes were false.

General Dargue said: "We can't explore the mechanics of our alarm system. Remember the number of alarms over London without any bombs being dropped. I will not disclose the source of this alarm."

Gen. Dargue's statement followed the sounding of two air raid alarms in New York—the first in the history of the metropolis.

Boston Also Alerted

The vast metropolitan area of New York was given two raid alarms within an hour, Boston was "alerted for more than an hour, hundreds of schools were evacuated throughout the north-east, and tens of thousands of civilian employees were rushed out of vital defense factories and army and navy centers."

The first report, around noon, had enemy planes approaching New York and due to arrive around 2:00 p. m.

In mid afternoon, however, J. W. Farley, executive director of the Massachusetts committee on public safety, said in Boston that the alerts were only tests.

"The army and the navy now informs us," he said, "that this was a dress rehearsal. All phases of the test were met satisfactorily."

Farley said that about 50,000 persons in Massachusetts had answered the civilian defense summons. They were all dismissed by 3 p. m.

New York City felt the greatest impact of the tests.

Planes Take Air

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(P)—Acting on information received from Governor's Island, headquarters of the First army, that hostile planes were reported two hours out of New York at noon (EST) all planes at Mitchell Field took to the air and families were evacuated from the military reservation, although air corps detectors had not confirmed the presence of planes.

Navy press officers said they (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Roundup Dangerous Aliens

G-Men Strike Quickly During Monday Night

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(P)—The arrest of approximately 400 Germans and Italians designated as "dangerous aliens" has been begun by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was learned today.

It was not disclosed immediately how many aliens actually were being rounded up, but it was reported reliably that over 300 Germans and 50 Italians were listed for arrest.

The G-men struck swiftly and silently during the night, acting under a presidential proclamation similar to that under which 1,000 Japanese were seized Sunday night and Monday.

The proclamation authorized the attorney general to apprehend those axis nationals who were believed dangerous to the nation's peace and security. The order was issued under a provision of the law that such persons may be seized where an invasion or predatory incursion is threatened against the United States.

Those taken into custody were scheduled for transfer to immigration detention centers, some of which were established on a temporary basis yesterday to handle the Japanese arrested.

Aliens registration files show around 694,000 Italian nationals—by far the largest group of non-citizens in this country, and about 315,000 Germans, who rank seventh numerically.

The extremely small ratio of persons marked for arrest compared with the number of those nationals here made it obvious that the justice department was moving only against those at the top of the lists of potentially dangerous aliens.

In New York, between 100 and (Please Turn To Page 2, Col. 7)

Former U. S. Envoy To Russia Dies

FARMINGTON, Conn., Dec. 9.—(P)—Former Ambassador John Wallace Riddle, 77, died here last night. He was ambassador to Russia from 1906-09 and Argentina from 1921-25 when he retired.

W. C. Snark, Secretary Of Draft Board Is Ill

W. C. Snark, secretary of the Selective Service Board in Pettis County, today was taken suddenly ill while at his office in the court house and was taken to his home. His condition is not believed to be serious and he may return to his duties within a few days.

Concern Evident Over The San Pedro Harbor

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The police radio broadcast a warning at 11:59 a. m. today that "planes had been sighted approaching from sea." The same warning was issued by Oakland police at noon.

The "all clear" signal was flashed nine minutes later.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—(P)—Enemy planes returned to the Golden Gate from their offshore lurking place early today, and the San Francisco bay area lay in darkness under an air raid alarm, tensely awaiting a possible attack.

It was the second visit of the night. Earlier the army reported that some 30 ships, apparently bent on reconnaissance, winged close to the harbor entrance and over other portions of California.

A third alarm of the night sounded at 2:39 a. m. (5:39 a. m. EST) and the entire San Francisco bay region was blacked out. The all clear signal came at 3:37 a. m., however.

Army interceptor planes followed the first of the enemy squadrons, but were unable to determine where they finally went. The navy then took up a search for a plane carrier, presumably lurking off California's coast, and possibly 500 or 600 miles at sea.

"I don't think there's any doubt the planes came from a carrier," said Lieut. General John L. De Witt, commander of the fourth army and the western defense command.

San Francisco learned of the presence of enemy planes after hours of confused and conflicting reports given out during a sudden early evening air raid alarm—first on the mainland—and black-out lasting two and a half hours.

Blackouts Along Coast

Afterward, while searchers still sought whereabouts of one group of 15 planes that fled southward from San Jose, 50 miles south of (Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Fair Next Year Be August 23-30

The 1942 Missouri State Fair will be held in Sedalia August 23-30, Ernest W. Baker, secretary manager of the Missouri state fair announces. These dates will follow those of the Illinois State Fair, and are just before the Iowa State Fair.

Mr. Baker said today that the colored motion picture film of the 1941 Missouri State Fair, now being shown over the state, is available for all high schools, civic clubs and other organizations that make application to the secretary's office in Sedalia. There is no charge.

Developer Of Browning Gun Dies

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(P)—Hart O. Berg, 76, engineer who developed the Browning pistol and machine gun in this country and sponsored the first public flight of the Wright brothers abroad, died today at Doctor's hospital.

He was a native of Philadelphia but devoted most of his career to introducing to Europe products of American inventive genius.

The Weather

Mostly cloudy; somewhat colder west and north; snow flurries north tonight; Wednesday, snow flurries and much colder becoming fair northwest; 25 to 30 mile northerly winds Wednesday and in north tonight.

Lake Of Ozarks Stage

.5 foot below flood level.

Sunrise And Sunset

Sunrise 7:25 a. m.; Sunset 4:55 p. m.

Phases Of The Moon

Last quarter Dec. 11; New moon Dec. 18; First quarter Dec. 25.



Enemy Planes Off California Coast

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San Francisco, blackouts were placed in effect in almost every major west coast city.

Army sources said the enemy planes flew inland over the coast line west of San Jose about 6 p. m. PST, then the formation split into two squadrons of 15 planes. One squadron flew southward and vanished.

The second squadron flew northward past the San Francisco bay cities and up the bay to the vital Mare Island navy base, 25 miles from San Francisco.

After scouting the navy yard from a great elevation, this squadron flew westward and through the Golden Gate out to sea.

Reports from the army did not indicate any anti-aircraft fire. The enemy planes themselves did not fire a shot.

General DeWitt, talking with newsmen, said finding the carrier at sea might prove difficult.

"The carrier would have moved after they (the planes) were launched and they would rendezvous in another spot," the general said.

At Los Angeles, principal concern was felt for the San Pedro harbor district, with highly important oil resources and defense works. An area of 15 miles around the harbor was blacked out. Simultaneously, 200 women and children, families of army officers, were evacuated from the Fort MacArthur military reservation at San Pedro.

Coming with startling suddenness to a city that had never even practiced a blackout, the first air raid alarm caught San Francisco with a still incomplete warning system.

Police ordered motorists to drive with only parking lights. Street cars turned off most of their lights, and motor buses proceeded without lights.

From district firehouses all over the city came the wail of fire sirens, as engines were driven into the streets and their emergency noise-makers turned on. All local broadcasting stations were off the air.

Along the city's western beach, and at the blacked out Presidio of San Francisco, 15 huge searchlights were placed in operation a half hour after the air raid alarm. Their rays plunged miles into the cloudless skies, but found nothing.

In an area a mile or two removed from the searchlight batteries, observers heard the roar of airplane engines but was unable to see any planes. The sound faded gradually in the west.

They said it was a tense and confused time for the 630,000 people in San Francisco, and that many more other persons in Oakland and other San Francisco bay cities.

While the darkness lasted, motorists all over the bay region were involved in motor crashes and huge traffic jams.

Off Aleutian Islands

Japanese warplanes reconnoitering over the San Francisco bay area and reports that other Japanese forces were off the Aleutian islands, in the narrow Bering Strait between Alaska and Siberia stirred new alarms today in the three-day-old battle of the Pacific.

Coincidentally, Japanese land forces were said to have opened an attack on the area of Singapore Britain's great "Gibraltar of the Far East"—and it appeared that one of the first Japanese aims was to knock out that powerful naval stronghold.

Britain's new 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales was recently reported to have arrived at Singapore at the head of a strong squadron of British warships.

Berlin radio quoted a Japanese communique as saying that Japanese troops also were advancing in northern Thailand toward the Burma road, now guarded by the United States planes.

The army said that in all probability an enemy aircraft carrier was lurking off the coast, perhaps 500 or 600 miles out.

In Victoria, B. C., Mayor Andrew McGavin announced tersely: "The Japanese are off the Aleutian islands; we expect them here any time. The situation is very serious."

His warning was supplemented by air Commander A. F. Godfrey with the declaration that "there is every reason to believe there will be an attack in the Pacific northwest."

The daring series of night thrusts—bluntly putting the nation on notice that "it can happen here"—led to immediate conjecture that Japan was attempting to panic the United States into withdrawing its main battle fleet to home waters.

Blackouts were ordered along the entire Pacific coast, from San Diego through Sacramento to the British Columbia cities, thus bringing war to the doorstep of millions of Americans and Canadians who two days earlier had believed such a thing was virtually impossible.

The presence of Japanese planes off the Golden Gate—5,200 miles from Japan—created an electric atmosphere in Washington as President Roosevelt prepared his first broadcast since the nation declared war on Japan, scheduled for 10 p. m., EST (9 P. M. CST).

Meanwhile, bulletins on the gigantic new conflict broke in rapid fire sequence:

1. Berlin vibrated with rumors that the reichstag would meet tomorrow to make known Germany's official stand on the American-Japanese war, possibly to declare war on the United States.

2. Japanese troops were reported to have seized Lubang Island. The island is of paramount strategic importance, virtually controlling waterways between the middle Philippine archipelago and the China sea.

3. The first Japanese aerial assault on densely crowded Manila itself was apparently in progress at 6:08 a. m., CST (8:08 p. m. Tuesday, Manila time).

4. DNB (German News Agency) quoted imperial Tokyo headquarters as announcing that Japanese warships had fiercely shelled tiny Midway Island, American possession, 1,300 miles west of Honolulu.

DNB said airplane hangars and fuel depots were set afire.

5. Singapore dispatches reported that British reinforcements were being rushed to northern Malaya as 25 Japanese troop transports attempted new landings in support of forces already engaged in bitter fighting in an attempt to gain control of Kota Bharu airdrome, near the northern terminus of the rail line to Singapore.

6. Japanese troops occupied Bangkok, the capital of little Thailand, which yielded after a brief-lived "token resistance" to the Japanese invaders.

7. The Berlin radio said the Japanese embassy at Bangkok announced that Japanese troops "have thrown back English troops which attempted to enter Thailand from Burma. (The British have denied entering Thailand.)"

8. Domei said the Japanese fleet in China waters announced the capture of the 10,509-ton American liner President Harrison and several hundred other vessels along the Chinese coast.

9. Great Britain informed Japan that she will abide strictly by the terms of the Geneva poison gas protocol and asked Japan's assurances that she intends to do the same. This followed British unconfirmed reports that Japanese planes had already dropped poison-gas bombs.

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being followed the same as those in Sedalia.

Mr. Ehrler stated today the telephone company undertook the extra precautions more than a year ago by having heavy screen wire placed over the windows and all doors leading to the various departments of the company other than the business office, locked at all times. The business office is the only part of the company where the public is permitted.

As to the City Light and Traction Co., Mr. Feuers said the power plant had been fenced, employees look after the garage at Ninth and Ingram, while the gas plant has been placed under protection. Other necessary precautions will be taken as suggested by the company and government officials.

The same conditions exist with the Sedalia Water company. Their pumping station has been closed to the public and the doors of admittance have been locked, the only possible way of gaining entrance is through a bonifide pass. Mr. Reed said safe guarding of their property was undertaken a year ago last October upon a request of the National Defense Board.

Mr. Reed will go to Jefferson City Thursday to attend a meeting of the heads of various utilities in Missouri regarding these measures. At that time, he stated, FBI agents will outline suggestions on how to handle this work.

Civil Air Patrol

The State Defense Council today began organization of a civil air patrol—a volunteer agency demanded by the National Civilian defense office.

Allen P. Green, Jr., of Mexico, Marine Capt. Edward G. Schultz of Maryville and Col. A. Linxwiler, Jefferson City, were summoned here to help form the patrol.

One of the patrol's purposes was described as "enlisting and training civilian personnel."

Another defense meeting here today brought student representatives from many of Missouri's colleges to develop a program for student participation in defense efforts. The students met with representatives of the State Defense council.

City water systems joined other public utilities and defense industries on the "protected" list today as Missouri's state government pushed its home defense program toward war-time readiness.

Officials in charge of water systems in more than 300 Missouri towns received telegrams from State Health Commissioner James Stewart urging a constant guard to protect water supplies.

The highway department last night began guarding many of the thousands of bridges in the state and prepared to extend its patrol to numerous others as fast as possible.

Other home-defense plans inaugurated by Gov. Forrest C. Donnell and the State Defense Council looked toward safeguarding of railroads, power plants, pipe lines, radio stations and communication facilities.

The executive committee of the state defense council will meet here tomorrow to speed its county organization program and discuss other possible defense moves.

Hemisphere Nations Which Were

not planning war declarations either had severed diplomatic relations with Japan or had adopted a policy of benevolent neutrality toward the United States.

While awaiting a new report from the president, or the navy and war departments on Far Eastern operations, one congressman openly wondered why American forces did not detect approach of the Japanese before the surprise attack on Hawaii at dawn.

Rep. D. Ingell (D-Mich) said he would demand the court martial of the commandant of the Pacific fleet and of the Hawaiian department of the army.

"No one can tell me that we weren't sound asleep," he said.

Women To Auxiliary Service

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 9.—(P)—Both Australia and New Zealand declared war on Japan today.

The Australian cabinet immediately after the formal declaration decided to mobilize more manpower for the army but kept secret the number.

Sixteen hundred women are to be called up for the army and 500 for the air force to be assigned to auxiliary services along the lines established in Great Britain.

"Was Someone Asleep?"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(P)—A declaration that someone responsible for the defense of Hawaii "was asleep" at the time of Japan's lightning attack on Pearl Harbor was made in the house naval committee today by Representative Vincent (D-Ky).

The Kentuckian made the statement just before the committee recommended a bill, already passed by the senate, to "freeze" all enlistments in the navy for the duration of the war.

His criticism developed when he sought to learn whether high ranking naval officers were physically fit for their jobs. In that connection, Vincent asked specifically about Rear Admiral Hart, naval commander at Manila.

"We must assume," interposed Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) "that all these officers have complied with the physical requirements."

"I assumed," retorted Vincent, "that the boys would be awake at Hawaii. I assumed that the boys would patrol every inch of the waters around Hawaii."

The committee voted to ask Secretary of Navy Knox and Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, if they could be present at an executive session of the committee tomorrow morning for questioning as to how the Japanese were able to penetrate the Hawaiian defenses of the fleet.

South Africa In Declaration

PRETORIA, Union of South Africa, Dec. 9.—(P)—The government announced today that a state of war exists between the Union of South Africa and Japan.

Extension Club Holds Meeting

The Alexander Extension club of Houstonia community met at the home of Mrs. R. H. Keck, lunch, to which all contributed was served at noon. Mrs. John T. Harris was a visitor.

After a short business meeting in the afternoon there was a Christmas party, an exchange of gifts, and each child received a Christmas stocking filled with candy. The members made popcorn balls and candy.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Fred Neff, Wednesday, January 7.

Extension Club Of Oak Point Meets

The regular session of the Oak Point Extension club met last Friday at the home of Mrs. A. W. Dohrman, with almost the complete membership present.

Business was transacted. Roll call was answered by giving a suggestion for a Christmas gift. New song books were given to the members.

There were three visitors present. The hostess served refreshments.

The next meeting will be an all day one, January 2, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Pittman.

Personals

William Schrader of 715 West Third street left today on a business trip to St. Louis. He will be gone for several days.

Leo J. Harned, prosecuting attorney, has returned from a business trip to Independence.

Backward Glances Of Associated Press

By The Associated Press One Year Ago Today

Japan won't quibble in going to aid of Germany and Italy should occasion arise, Japanese foreign minister says. German planes attack London for nine hours.

Two Years Ago Today

Russian planes bomb Hanggo, other Finnish points.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Today

Austro-German forces dislodged from two heights in Northern Rumania by Russian offensive.

English doctors have substituted potatoes for sugar as part of the insulin "shock" treatment of war neuroses, commonly called "shell shock."

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had not received a report on any hostile planes. They rushed the news to the office of Admiral Adolphus Andrews, commandant of the Third Naval district and commander of the North Atlantic coastal frontier which extends from Hatteras to Halifax.

Andrews was not available for immediate comment.

Field Officers On Alert

In Washington, the White House war and navy departments said they knew nothing about the reported presence of planes off the east coast.

Capt. Lynn Farnol, public relations officer at Mitchell Field, said the field was on the alert and that every necessary precaution had been taken. He said the reported presence of planes did not originate with the air corps, but that the air corps was acting on the theory that the reports might be substantiated.

A few minutes after Mitchell Field's original announcement that an "official warning from Washington" indicated the imminence of enemy planes, Secretary of State Hull in Washington warned the nation to be on the alert for a surprise attack.

The state department emphasized, however, that Secretary Hull's warning had no connection with the reports that hostile planes were approaching the eastern seaboard. Hull has no knowledge of these reports at the time he issued the warning.

Simultaneously, in Boston, U. S. navy sources reported they had received "official word" of the report and that "action is being taken" on what the action might be.

Warning Service In Action

Emergency refueling depots were set up in the vicinity of the field to be used in the event the main refueling plant was knocked out.

Air raid listening posts throughout Long Island were manned by volunteer spotters.

Massachusetts' civilian air raid warning service went into action shortly after noon on a report that planes were approaching southeastern New England.

The service employs large numbers of civilian spotters working from high observation towers throughout the region, and cooperation with the army.

Major General Francis B. Wilby, commanding the army's first corps area attending a civilian defense meeting, was suddenly summoned from the platform at Faneuil hall and left for an unannounced designation.

All radio range stations controlling airway traffic in the New York City vicinity were suddenly shut down, the airway traffic control bureau at La Guardia field said.

All planes at LaGuardia field were grounded. The traffic bureau here said it did not know whether the radio beam station shutdown applied to the entire eastern area.

Double Its Guards

The coast guard cancelled all liberty and doubled its guards and lookout posts throughout the metropolitan area.

Several coast guard planes were patrolling offshore when the alarm came through from army officers.

Shortly before 1 p. m. a squadron of army fighter planes roared over the battery and headed up the Hudson river.

Col. Rodney Smith, commandant at Fort Totten, Bayside, Long Island, told the Associated Press at 12:45 p. m. (EST) he had not been officially informed of the approach of hostile aircraft.

At Fort Totten is stationed the 62nd Coast Guard anti-aircraft regiment, chief anti-aircraft unit in the New York region. It is mobile and can be dispatched on short notice to any nearby area.

The telegraphic bureau of the New York city police department received the Mitchell Field report and said it was informing the city's borough headquarters accordingly.

Coast guardsmen also were warned to be prepared for incendiary bombs along New York's teeming waterfront where millions of dollars worth of war supplies are crowded into wooden piers.

At 12:55 p. m. (EST) police headquarters notified all radio car patrolmen:

"We have information that a squadron of planes is headed toward Long Island. Make all necessary preparations, if identified as enemy planes."

Police at La Guardia field, the city's airport and terminal of trans-Atlantic clippers and domestic airlines, were ordered on the alert and several score school children visiting the airport were ordered to leave.

The sky over New York at the time of the alert was overcast.

Boston police commissioner, Joseph Tumulty, ordered 12,500 air raid wardens to report immediately and called to duty every available police officer.

Boston police broadcast to all motorists on the highways a request that they notify factory owners to be on the alert and to sound factory whistles in the event an air raid alarm was given.

The broadcast also asked motorists to get their cars off the highways as soon as possible and advised hospitals to be prepared for any emergency.

Granted Divorce

Mrs. Lenore Clements was granted a divorce from Harold

Clements in the circuit court of Jackson county today, and given custody of their child, Linda Sue. Mrs. Clements and daughter have been making their home with her father, James Blaylock, of Beaman.

• Obituaries

Charles C. Williams

Charles Clinton Williams, 81, years old, a resident of Sedalia for the past fifty-seven years, passed away at the Bothwell hospital at 11:20 o'clock this morning. Mr. Williams suffered a stroke last Thursday at which time he fell fracturing several ribs. Pneumonia developed which caused his death.

The Williams home is at 410 South Massachusetts Avenue.

Mr. Williams was born at Versailles December 1, 1860. He was educated in the Warrensburg State Normal and later moved to Kansas City where he resided for a time. He came to Sedalia in 1884 and on May 1, 1900 was married to Miss Jessie Barde and they continued to reside here.

After coming to Sedalia he went into the real estate and abstract business which he conducted for many years.

Eight children were born, seven of whom survive along with his widow. They are: Mrs. Hugh Kirtton, and Joe Williams of Detroit, Mich., Charles Williams of Shamrock, Texas, Fred Williams of Trenton, Mrs. Joe Riley of Des Moines, Ia., Mrs. Whitley Woodson of 1203 West Sixteenth street and Robert Williams of the family home. A daughter Frances passed away at the age of two and a half.

Two sisters survive, Mrs. W. O. Wendell and Mrs. Cora Beausay of 305 East Fifth street. A brother, the late, H. T. Williams, local attorney, passed away December 7, 1939.

The body was taken to the McLaughlin Funeral chapel. No arrangements have been made pending word from relatives.

Mrs. Priscilla Marie Haight

Mrs. Priscilla Marie Haight, aged 79, widow of the late Zalmon Haight, died at 4 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Theodosia Hampton, 910 West Twentieth street.

Mrs. Haight and her husband, until his death in 1907, lived on a farm, 8 miles southwest of Sedalia, from the time of their marriage. She was a member of the Camp Branch Baptist church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Zula Haight, Sedalia, Mrs. Theodosia Hampton, Sedalia, Mrs. R. L. Stanford, Norfolk, Va., one son, Russell Haight, route 6, Sedalia, one step-son, E. A. Haight, Denver, Colo., one sister, Mrs. Dolla Hales, Decatur, Ill., ten grandsons and four great grandsons.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Camp Branch Baptist church, Rev. Blaylock, of Knob Noster to officiate.

Burial will be in the Camp Branch cemetery.

Funeral of John J. Gerken

The funeral of John J. Gerken 64, who was killed in an automobile accident in Cleveland, Fla., last Thursday, was held at one o'clock this afternoon at the McLaughlin Funeral chapel. The Reverend J. Fred King, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church officiated.

Pall bearers were: Victor Englund, E. S. Bohon, George Maness, J. H. Selken, B. F. Sandfort and M. T. Slane.

Interment was in the family lot in the Crown Hill cemetery.

Residents Of Manila Coming

Mr. and Mrs. William Lane and two sons, whose home is in Manila, P. I., will arrive in Sedalia Wednesday to be guests of Mrs. Lane's aunt, Mrs. Charles H. Bard and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane and family came to the United States last July on a visit. They remained when conditions in Manila looked serious and settled in Des Moines where they have since been.

Mrs. Lane is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carman of Manila. P. I. Mrs. Carman is the former Miss Edna Mertz of Sedalia.

Business Meeting Be Held At Church

The annual business meeting of the First Baptist church will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. At this time the officers of the church will be elected, the work of the year will be reviewed and some plans for 1942 will be projected. The financial report for November shows:

Balance on hand Nov. 1, \$453.63. Offerings during November \$1,412.23, making a total of \$1,865.86. Of this amount \$500 was paid on the church debt and \$371.31 was given to missions.

Out Of Town Couple Wed Here Today

John Lee Hansbro of Housatonia, and Marian Clare Patrick of Hannibal, Mo., were quietly married today at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Kokendoff, 918 South Ohio avenue, by Rev. Kokendoff. The couple will reside in Booneville temporarily.

Mrs. Hansbro graduated as a nurse from St. Joseph hospital in Booneville on Monday.

Mr. Hansbro is a nephew of John Hammack of Sedalia.

Late Flashes In War Areas

MANILA, Dec. 9.—(P)—The army announced today that one United States soldier was killed and 12 were injured in this morning's pre-dawn raid on Fort Nichols, near Manila. Two other soldiers were hurt when a bomb landed near Fort William McKinley, also in the Manila area.

TOKYO, Dec. 9.—(Official broadcast picked up by AP)—Headquarters of the Japanese Far Eastern army announced today that formations of Japanese bombers had subjected Nichols Field, air base near Manila, to "a heavy mass raid."

"It is understood that important air facilities were demolished by the Japanese attack," said the announcement broadcast by Domei.

(This may refer to the raid of early Tuesday morning reported in Manila dispatches.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(P)—"Japanese troops have landed in the northern part of Borneo," the Rome radio said today in a broadcast heard by NBC.

Earlier British reports said such a landing attempt had been beaten.

MANILA, Dec. 9.—(P)—U. S. Naval sources denied reports today that the seaplane tender Langley was bombed during a Japanese attack on Davao yesterday. They said the carrier was safe and carrying out routine duties.

TOKYO, Dec. 9.—(Official Broadcast Picked Up By AP)—The Japanese navy's official spokesman declared today his belief that "the great initial success scored by the Japanese air and naval arms" had upset the balance of United States and Japanese in the Pacific.

In an interview broadcast by Domei, the spokesman said the situation had been changed to such an extent as to nullify "the high pressure policies" of President Roosevelt.

Roundup Dangerous Aliens

(Continued From Page One)

150 aliens—including Japanese, Germans, Italians and one Korean—were taken to the U. S. immigration station on Ellis Island between midnight and 7 a. m. (EST) bringing to between 250 and 300 the total taken into custody in two days.

Among those seized in New York today was a woman describing herself as the Countess Mary de Bergasa, who said she was a native of England, now divorced from a Spanish count.

Coast guardsmen who transported the prisoners to the island said on of them was a Hollywood movie actor whom they recognized, but refused to divulge his name.

In Los Angeles the FBI announced the arrest for investigation of 70 men and women—60 identified as German or of German extraction, 10 as Italian.

Among those booked was Herman Schwinn, identified several years ago in governmental hearings at Washington as a west coast leader of the German-American bund. The FBI said a quantity of German literature, pictures and a camera were confiscated.

Attorney General Biddle appealed today all governors to avoid "direct action" against aliens by state and local officials.

Declaring that the justice department had been preparing "for this emergency" for some time, Biddle said:

"These plans have been made in order to avoid disturbance and confusion by the governments of these nationals toward Americans under the jurisdiction of those governments."

Mrs. Nettie Jamerson Passes Away At Home

Mrs. Nettie Jamerson, negro, aged 89, died at her home, R. F. D. No. 3, Sedalia, at 9 o'clock this morning. She suffered a paralytic stroke Monday and never regained consciousness.

Mrs. Jamerson is survived by her husband, Richard Jamerson, two daughters, Anna Ganes and Fannie Jamerson and three grandchildren, Douglas Williams, Bertha Williams and Arzelia Williams, all of Sedalia.

The body is at the Ferguson Funeral Home.

Two Enter Hospital At Topeka, Kas.

S. G. Chaney, route 5, Sedalia and Mrs. Lela Chaney Potter, route 2, Ottoville, entered the Security Benefit Association hospital at Topeka, Kansas, Monday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Mary McKinney, 507 East Fourth street, who has been a patient at the S. B. A. hospital, at Topeka, for several days returned home Monday, much improved.

Entertained At Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richwine, 1320 South Harrison avenue, entertained Sunday at a dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Raus Sprinkle and son, Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harms, son Vernon and daughter, Betty, Miss Helen Harms and Clyde Sneathen.

Christmas Party Monday Night

Members of the Pettis Players and their guests enjoyed a Christmas party in Parish hall Monday night. John Z. Montgomery read "What I Don't Know About The Drama," by Stephen Leacock, following which the hall was darkened and the lights came on with the stage set for "Fire," a cleverly written and uproariously acted one-act comedy.

Miss Joyce Lynn, a member of both organizations, invited the cast to repeat the play for Musical Moments club on January 6th.

Following the serving of light refreshments, the members took part in games arranged by the entertainment committee.

It was voted to omit the second December meeting which would fall in Christmas week. The next meeting will be January 13th, the place to be announced. With a month for its preparation, the Study and Entertainment committees promise a splendid program for the first meeting of the new year.

Semi-Chorus To Sing

The Lincoln high school semi-chorus will sing before the showing of the picture "Uses and Abuses of Alcohol," at the First Baptist church, at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Liquidation On Stocks Is Heavy

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—A revival of war nervousness today touched off one of the heaviest waves of stock market liquidation since the British retreat to Dunkedque in May of 1940 and leaders fell 1 to more than 7 points.

The extension of yesterday's release, which was based on the U. S. Japanese clash in the Pacific, was coincidental with reports of enemy planes approaching the east coast and the sounding of air raid alarms at New York and other sectors.

The list attempted a mild rally at the opening but it was short lived and around midday, offerings came out in such volume that the high-speed ticker tape lagged several minutes behind actual floor transactions for a brief interval. The pace then slowed but the downswing was resumed near the final hour when quotations were at the worst. Extreme declines were reduced in many instances at the close.

Transfers of around 2,500,000 shares were among the largest since May a year ago.

Bonds dipped with shares and commodities backed away when the Commodity Exchange Administration slapped ceilings on the soaring staples of yesterday.

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Society and Clubs

Miss Marilyn Trapp entertained the J. G. club at her apartment Sunday evening with a turkey dinner. The evening was spent in exchanging gifts at the beautiful Christmas tree. Later Mrs. Maxine Steele was very much surprised when she received a chimney full of gifts. Those present at the dinner were:

Mrs. Maxine Steele, Mrs. Dorothy Dalton, Mrs. Paul Sheridan, Miss Eunice and Vivian Dalton, Eunice Walker, Dorothy Harris, Marguerite Looney, Kathryn Williams and Marilyn Trapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Burton, 1815 South Grand avenue, entertained with a turkey dinner, last Sunday, in honor of the birthdays of their daughters, Mrs. Carl Brown and Mrs. William Franken.

The following friends and relatives attended: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byler, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burton and daughter, Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown and sons, Bobbie and

Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. William Franken, Miss Verne Newton, Miss Gertrude Marlin, Miss Ina Faye Burton, Clayton Morris, Russell Craig, Harlon Burton and Garlan Burton.

Church Events

The service circle of the Broadway Presbyterian church will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, at the service building. There will be Red Cross sewing for the members at 10 o'clock. Luncheon will be served at noon by hostesses Mrs. John Baker, Mrs. Ennis Fee, Mrs. W. E. Mullins, Mrs. T. W. East and Mrs. Tom Cloney. Members are reminded to bring donations for the Christmas baskets.

A musical program under the direction of Mrs. Ray Hunt will be presented in the afternoon. Mrs. V. H. Martin will lead the devotional.

Teachers and officers meeting of the First Baptist church will be held Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The superintendent, William L. Reed, and the pastor are very anxious to have a full attendance.

Some plans for 1942 will be discussed. Rev. R. W. Leazer, the pastor, will teach the lesson in the adult department.

Circle Number two of the First Christian church will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. A. H. Wilks, 116 East Broadway with the devotionals to be in charge of Mrs. Kathryn Miller. Miss Eunice Cousley will give a history of plays. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. Everett White, Mrs. Bryan Howe and Miss Blanche Harness.

The Arnold Circle of the Epworth Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Joe Smetana, 1108 East Tenth street, Wednesday afternoon.

The J. O. C. class of the Fifth Street Methodist church will have their annual Christmas dinner and party in the dining room of the church Wednesday noon, December 10.

There will be a gift exchange during the social hour. Rev. and Mrs. H. U. Campbell and Rev. S. P. Cayton will be special guests.

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Crown Drug Officers Chosen

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Immediately following the stockholders' meeting a directors' meeting was held at which T. L. Evans was again elected president; C. C. Payne, vice-president; H. I. Schuller, secretary; J. H. Jennings, treasurer; Jean Dora, assistant secretary, and B. A. Jennings, assistant treasurer.

The preferred dividend of 43 1/2% a share due February 15, 1942, was declared to be paid on February 15, 1942, to stockholders of record February 5, 1942.

Mexico Breaks Off Relations

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 9.—(P)—Mexico broke off diplomatic relations with Japan last night.

Japanese Minister Yoshiaki Miura made the announcement upon leaving a conference with Mexican Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla.

The Japanese legation staff was reported burning its secret documents.

Mexican newspapers said Mexico would adopt conscription, ap-

point a general staff and reinforce its Pacific coastline defenses immediately.

Brotherhood To Meet On Tonight

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist church will meet Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30 p. m. Lunch will be served promptly at 6:30. Following the luncheon the Brotherhood will have a business session, at which the officers for 1942 will be elected and all committees appointed. This being the time for the setting up of the program for next year it is important that all men of the church be present. As the special inspirational program the Brotherhood will go to the auditorium of the church to hear Mr. George Vaughn of Kansas City is a discussion of one of the most vital issues of the day. He will also show motion pictures illustrating effects of intoxicating liquors. The meeting at which Mr. Young will speak is under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Missionary Council representing all the churches of Sedalia.

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Christmas Theme In Program On Monday Night

Following the opening of the Smith-Cotton Parent Teacher meeting at the high school on Monday evening, December 8, Rev. A. W. Kokendoffer led in prayer and the large audience stood in silent tribute in memory of George Whitman, an alumni of Smith-Cotton, who was killed in Hawaii.

T. H. Yount, president was in charge of the meeting and in behalf of the Red Cross asked for volunteer knitters to knit helmets, socks, and sweaters for our own boys in camps. Mrs. Leo Eickhoff announced that the goal set by the membership committee at the beginning of the year had been reached and that Smith-Cotton Association now has 354 members, 101 of them being fathers. Joe Benson, principal, invited and urged parents to visit the class rooms at any time.

An enjoyable program was presented under the chairmanship of Mrs. Vivian Kindred. The madrigal singers under the direction of Burney Morris presented the following numbers:

"Sing We Enchanted."
"Oh, Soldiers! Soldier!"
"Dance Around, My Pretty Little Miss."
"The Deaf Woman's Courtship."
"Lullaby on Christmas Eve."
"Merry Christmas."

Old Time Square Dance
A demonstration of an old fashioned square dance was given by a group of twelve girls from Miss Marie Larkin's physical education class. Another group, the "Tiger Tumbler" presented the following acts: V for victory; dive over five people; 3 chest stands; Eskimo roll; and a pyramid. The pyramid was

formed by 12 girls and the precision with which each took her place showed much training.

Andy Kostelas and his swing orchestra played several numbers as the last number on the program. Each of the groups of students presented during the evening showed exceptional talent.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations which formed the background for part of the program and the center of the social session which followed. At the back of the stage was a large white table beautifully decorated with miniature lighted trees and the nativity scene; on each side of the stage was a lighted tree and above the table two large multicolored stars twinkled a welcome. At the close of the program, "Jingle Bells" was played by the orchestra and all were invited to partake of the refreshments which also followed the Christmas motif. Mrs. F. A. Kueck, social chairman, and her committee arranged the decorations and were in charge of the social session.


Ralph Guenther announced a concert by the high school band and orchestra, assisted by the madrigal group on Thursday evening, December 18, at the high school.

Fire Damages A Residence

The fire companies at 7:42 o'clock this morning were called to the Southwest Bell Telephone Co., building at Third street and Lamine avenue, where a sack with some trash in it had caught fire. Only slight damage resulted. Fire believed to have started from sparks from a burning flue did about \$125 damage to a residence at 817 West Third street. The fire started on the roof around a flue and burned beneath the roof. Water used to fight the flames seeped through the ceiling doing damage.

The residence is occupied by two families, Charles Craig and J. L. Kester. Mrs. Oattie Byard of Kansas City, is the owner of the property.

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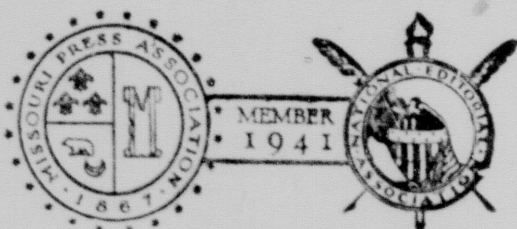
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• The Washington Merry-go-Round

• by Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen

WASHINGTON—John L. Lewis defied the government, shut down an important segment of a vital defense industry, and brought down on the head of all labor the drastic bill passed last week by the House—all in order to enforce his demand for the closed shop, which he contends is essential to ensure job security for workers.

Yet, today, Lewis is firing veteran union employees of an organization he controls because they don't see eye to eye with him on his torrid isolationism.

So far 22 have been axed and more are slated to go. They are organizers, regional directors, and the general counsel, for a number of years, of District 50 of the United Mine Workers. District 50 is the chemical, coke, munitions and cosmetics division of the UMW. While a branch of UMW, actually District 50 is a separate union—completely under the one-man domination of Lewis.

Last summer he suddenly removed the veteran top officers of the union and replaced them with Ora Gassaway, one of his close henchmen, and Kathryn Lewis, his daughter. Gassaway, one-time miner, gets \$10,000 a year and Kathryn who has never worked in a mine or factory, \$7,500.

The inside story of the wholesale firings now under way is a honey.

After clinching control of District 50 through the appointment of his daughter and Kassaway, Lewis launched a big-scale unionization drive in the rapidly expanding coke, chemical and munitions industries. For this purpose more than 100 of the ablest CIO organizers were hired.

Shortly thereafter these organizers and the clerical staff of District 50 were notified by Kathryn that they were being organized into a separate UMW union, Local 12297. All of course, joined. Whereupon they were informed by Kathryn that she had been elected president of the union and that the check-off was in effect.

All the axed anti-isolationist organizers are members of this local, which has never held a convention or issued a report on its finances.

NOTE: A number of the dismissed organizers are close friends of CIO President Phil Murray, who supports Roosevelt's foreign policy. One of them was fired shortly after making a speech before an Ohio union urging support of the CIO's convention endorsement of Roosevelt's policy. Several hours after his speech the organizer received a long distance call from Gassaway who shouted, "Don't you know that you are working for John Lewis and not Phil Murray!"

District 50 Funds

With coke, chemicals and munitions production soaring under the defense program, District 50 membership also is zooming. So too are its dues—into the treasury controlled by Lewis.

What these funds amount to is his secret. There has been no report of either income or outgo. District 50 insiders charge that big chunks of the union's money have been channeled into the United Construction Workers.

The UCW was set up several years ago by Lewis to fight the powerful AFL building trades unions. As head of UCW, Lewis installed his younger brother, A. D. ("Denny") Lewis, who gets \$10,000 a year. UCW has never got anywhere in the building industry, but is now engaged in a hot organizing campaign among cafeteria, transportation and apartment workers. CIO anti-Lewisites claim that District 50 money is financing this UCW activity.

They also declare that there is more behind the big UCW and District 50 organization drives than merely to build up these unions.

The charge is made that Lewis is secretly preparing the ground for an eventual bolt from the CIO and the setting up of a new labor organization, composed of the United Mine Workers, District 50, the United Construction Workers, plus certain AFL unions. Lewis and William Hutchinson, Roosevelt-hating boss of the AFL carpenters, have been in close secret touch in recent months.

With his burning political ambitions, such an organization, in which he would be the king bee, would give Lewis a powerful political weapon in the coming eventful elections. Also for the political operation of the America First Committee, of which he is an ardent supporter.

NOTE: The ousted District 50 officials have started a rank and file revolt to go over

to the CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers. Headed by Reid Robinson, who is in the Lewis doghouse because of support of Roosevelt's foreign policy, the MMSW is up in arms at Lewis because of his alleged raiding of the union's field.

Capital Chaff

Major General Stephen O. Fuqua, U.S. Army retired, will leave his military expertise for Newsweek, and fly to England as aide to W. A. Harriman. . . The bright boys of New York's Democratic party hope to heal the rift between New Deal and Tammany in the campaign for governor by picking Owen D. Young as their candidate. . . Sue Ryan, vaudeville comedian, prepared a new act with satirical studies of various types of congressmen. But a theater manager, waving his new tax statement, said, "There ain't anything funny about Congress." . . A blow to the Irish Legation in Washington was the death last month of Agnes Mullady, who, though not on the diplomatic list, had served Ireland in Washington longer than any other member of the legation staff.

Secret Army Information

Interesting inside fact apropos of the Chicago Tribune's expose of the "secret war plan of 10,000,000 men" was that Congressman Philip A. Bennett of Missouri paid \$400 for similar information which he used in a speech exposing the army's giant plan.

Congressman Bennett's source, presumably inside the War Department, is reported also to have spilled similar information to the Tribune, a double-cross which aroused the Congressman's wrath.

Questioned regarding his purchase of the information, Congressman Bennett said: "I don't want to discuss the matter now. The man and I are friends again, after a dressing down from me. Furthermore, I dug up some of the figures myself."

NOTE: When the War Department was warned not long ago of certain Fascist sympathizers within its own ranks, army investigators started a counter-investigation of the man who had tried to warn them.

It's Amazing

Budget Director Harold Smith looked up from his desk in amazement one day last week. He beheld in front of him two men representing government agencies which actually wanted to merge.

One man was Milo Perkins and the other Nelson Rockefeller. As Export Control boss under the Economic Defense Board, Perkins needed Latin American advisers. He went to Rockefeller. This dynamic young millionaire, who heads the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, resolved Perkins' perplexity by handing over the best he had. He promptly transferred to Perkins' office his right hand men, Carl Spaeth and Joseph Rovinsky, both high class experts in the Latin American field.

To accomplish this shift, Rockefeller was made a member of the Economic Defense Board—the only non-cabinet member on the board.

What amazed Budget Director Smith was that these two men, Perkins and Rockefeller, instead of yielding to the usual lure for more power, had come in with a request to sacrifice power in a merger.

"It's the most amazing thing I've ever seen in the government," said Smith.
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The Wise Old Elk

Push the slow-blinking owl down off his perch as symbol of wisdom and see if there's room up there for an elk. Owls, ornithologists agree, aren't nearly as smart as people have given them credit for, which is one more fruit of a solemn and pontifical manner. But the elk—

Out in Colorado, around Ouray, the hunting season is on, full blast. Armed hunters with that grim, earnest look, poured out of Ouray seeking elk. But the elk just poured into Ouray, where the hunters found them placidly grazing in the streets when they returned from a day-long but fruitless chase.

The owl has been completely out-foxed by the elk, and it's a horse on the hunters.

Today's Memory Test

Remember?
October third, Adolf Hitler speaking for the German Winter Relief Campaign:

"On June 22, the greatest battle of history began . . . everything since then has gone according to plan . . . I can say today that this opponent (Russia) has already been beaten . . ." At about this time high German military sources were also assuring that Russia as a serious military factor had "been eliminated."

Two full months of furious fighting have passed since then. The Germans are no closer to Moscow than they were then. In south Russia their advancing machine has gone into reverse. The Russians fight on, grimly, furiously.

Do you remember October 3? Do the German people remember?

It is by acts, not words, that progress henceforth will be made.—Jacques Benoist-Mechin, under-secretary of the French "state" at Vichy.

• Looking Backward

• forty years ago

Rev. E. J. Hunt, pastor of the First M. E. church, Rev. F. W. Simpson, of the Epworth M. E. church and Morris Harter left this morning for Rockville, Mo., attend a district conference of the church this evening.

Louis Ackerman, who formerly was manager of "The Fair," in the room now occupied by Peter Hoffman's hardware store on Ohio street, recently moved to St. Louis to enter business.

A big sale of shorthorn cattle will be held today at the farm of J. F. Marti, two miles southeast of Windsor. Mr. Marti is planning to move to Colorado. Charles Hieronymus of Sedalia will be the auctioneer.

Cameron Brown, of New York, manager of the Kilties Band tour, will be in Sedalia today to arrange for the appearance of the band at Wood's Opera house December 17.

Just Town Talk

A COUPLE OF
SEDALIA HUNTERS
WERE OUT IN
THE FIELDS
THE OTHER DAY
AS THEY WALKED
ALONG
BOTH
OR MAYBE IT WAS
JUST ONE OF THEM
SAW SOME BEES
AROUND WHAT
WAS THOUGHT
TO BE A PIECE
OF UNUSED MACHINERY
"WE'LL GET THAT
HONEY AS WE
COME BACK,"
SAID ONE
TO THE OTHER
BUT I BELIEVE
THAT BEFORE THEY
LEFT THE PLACE
THEY HAD IT ALL READY
TO CARRY AWAY

AND IT REQUIRED
SOME WORK
TO GET IT READY
THEY WENT ON
WITH THEIR HUNTING
AND RETURNING
TO GET THE HONEY
WERE MET BY
THE OWNERS
OF THE BEES
WHO WERE NOT
IN THE VERY BEST
OF HUMOR.
IN FACT
SO THE STORY GOES
A COUPLE OF THEM
CARRIED
BUTCHER KNIVES
AND THE SEDALIA
GENTLEMEN
WHO CERTAINLY
DIDN'T MEAN
TO TAKE ANY ONE
ELSE'S PROPERTY,
BEGAN TO EXPLAIN.
I THANK YOU.

Gravy Bowl A Faurot Worry

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 9.—(P)—It's the gravy bowl schedule that has Coach Don Faurot out of breath.

Ever since his Tigers completed their official schedule, Faurot has been following the soup line. He attended football banquets in four different towns last week.

Speaking, showing pictures of Missouri games and eating turkey chicken and steak—all this isn't bad. But there is the little mat-

ter of keeping four Missouri football teams in trim for the Sugar Bowl game in the meantime.

Practicing three times a week seems a lot harder on the coach than the gridgers.

Last night Faurot was scheduled for the Kemper Military academy banquet. On Wednesday night his big calendar says he must be at

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Marshall and Jefferson City both. Friday, the Tiger coach is to talk at Rolla and Fort Leonard Wood. It all means that Faurot must leave the practice field early and start driving. Then there are plenty of long hours on the highways after speeches are over.

"Don't plan anything Thursday" he cautioned Mrs. Faurot, "I'm going to be home then."

Fordham Quarter-Miler To Sugar Bowl

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(P)—Jack Campbell, Fordham quarter-miler, also is going to the Sugar Bowl. He has been invited to compete against Gene Littler of Nebraska, the Sugar Bowl 440-yard champion, in the New Orleans sports show.

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Defense Plans Speeded Up

Maneuvers Are Proposed For Raid Precaution

Defense preparations and air raid precautions have been speed-

ed up in Pettis county as the United States and Japan were formally declared at war. Maneuvers by Company F, Fourth Infantry, Reserve Military force were held one night before the first anniversary of the Sedalia company last week, as the soldiers were taught methods of setting up a quick defense of the city against possible invasion.

Future maneuvers probably will include sham battles between "invading forces and defenders of the city, with the "invaders" attempting to commandeer the city's newspaper plants, electric plants and communications centers, with the defending forces throwing cordons of troops around such vital points.

Impatient For Tests
Missourians were beginning to

become impatient for the "go ahead" signal for air raid precautions, since this state was one of the first to be organized for such warning practices. Col. Charles A. Shaw, head of the Missouri air raid warning service, announced last week that army officials would begin setting up observation posts in 20 square mile areas in the state after the first of next year, and that actual maneuvers would rapidly follow.

A broadcast of air raid warning maneuvers in Pettis county and other sections of the state is planned by the civilian national defense organization under the direction of Col. Shaw.

Direct Broadcasts
A "pickup" from aircraft which will be used in the practice, and broadcasts directly from the many observation posts on the ground will be included in the air raid rehearsal, according to tentative plans.

Principal reason for the broadcast is to acquaint civilians unable to witness actual activities with the workings of the telephone network planned to prevent bombing attacks on industrial centers.

J. H. Brooks, organizer of the Pettis county air raid warning committee said that he is momentarily expecting notice from the officials to prepare for some immediate action, especially since blackouts and other air raid precautions in other cities were becoming prevalent.

Fire Destroys Country Home

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hutchinson, about 1 1/2 miles north of Syracuse, was destroyed by fire last Friday evening, when a gasoline stove exploded.

Mr. Hutchinson was at home alone at the time. He called for help, and soon a large crowd of men gathered and saved nearly

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Serial Story . . .

Lady By Request

. . . by Helen R. Woodward

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THE STORY: Famous writer and commentator Stephen Curt and his wife, Diana, are growing increasingly fond of each other, although their marriage is one of convenience by which Diana is to remain a bride for six months and \$10,000, thus saving for Stephen a \$2,000,000 inheritance he would have lost had he not married before he was 35. His stepmother, Eliza Curt, and Diana's father, who is hoping, however, that they will come to care for each other. Complications are presented by Evelyn Thorpe, beautiful blind wife of lawyer Richard Thorpe, brilliant former employer of Diana's, and the woman Stephen has always loved; Adela, Stephen's spiteful, spoiled sister, who is having an affair with Thorpe of which only Diana knows. Diana wonders if later there will be a place in her life for Bill Jackson, her childhood sweetheart, or Phil Bruce, Stephen's best friend; wonders if she will be reluctant to give up her luxurious life as Mrs. Curt. One evening a frantic maid tells Diana that Adela is spending the night with Thorpe at his hunting lodge. Diana, regretfully foregoing a quiet evening alone with Stephen, tells him she must go on an "errand."

TRAPPED BY TRICKERY

CHAPTER XVII

DIANA closed the door behind her, conscious of a savage desire to tear Adela Curt apart. Anything might have happened between her and Stephen this evening—their whole future settled. She climbed into the coupe and slung it angrily into motion. Essie had said it was 15 miles to Thorpe's lodge. By the time she persuaded Adela to return it would be very late and Stephen would more than likely have gone to bed.

The snow was falling thick and heavy over the roadway when Diana left the city streets behind and plunged into the open country. It seemed a long time until she came in sight of the lodge, its lights twinkling through the snow. Her headlights picked out the name on the gate. Doubts assailed her.

A moment later she was looking into the amazed eyes of Richard Thorpe.

"Well, this is a surprise!" He stepped back as she came into the warmly lighted room and closed the door behind her.

"I'm sure I've no idea to what I owe the honor of this visit," Thorpe said, his eyes lighting at sight of her clear, fresh beauty.

"But now that you're here you must let me take your wraps and give you a drink to warm you."

"Thank you," she said curtly. "I shan't stay. I've come for Adela."

He raised his brows. "Adela? But surely you know she isn't here!"

"I don't believe you! I have information—"

He laughed aloud, mockingly. "So you're being a Girl Scout and rescuing her from the cruel clutches of a worthless scoundrel, eh? Well, my advice to you, my dear, is to let Adela go her own merry way to hell! She's eminently capable of taking care of herself—and also of getting you into lots of trouble!"

Diana was stunned. If Richard Thorpe was speaking the truth—! "You have her hidden somewhere!" she accused.

He laughed again. "You have the privilege of searching the place."

"Thank you, I will!"

He followed her from room to room, throwing open doors, chuckling softly, enjoying her chagrin. At last they were before the living room fire again.

"Convinced?"

Diana ran a weary hand over her face. "Yes, but I don't understand—" How could Essie have been so mistaken?

He shrugged. "Just some sort of a misunderstanding. But you mustn't go! Now that you've found out I'm not nearly so bad as I've been painted—!"

"I HAVE no further business here," Diana said coldly, but his hand on her arm stayed her.

"Wait! Why can't we be friends, Diana? I know we got started off on the wrong foot. But I happen to know that before many months you may need friends."

"If I need friends, I'll probably be able to find them! And you won't be among them!" she retorted.

"Neither will Stephen Curt, nor Phil Bruce, nor my angelic wife—if they should find out you visited me here tonight!"

Her face was hot with shame. He was drawing her roughly into his arms. His face was dark above hers.

"You've always maddened me—defied me—you beautiful, desirable little! Do you think I'd bother with Adela or Evelyn—or any of them—if I could have you? Now you've come here of your own free will. What a delight to conquer you—possess you—"

A shaft of cold air pierced the room and Richard Thorpe released her so abruptly that she almost fell. They turned to see Stephen Curt standing in the doorway, his face a white mask, his eyes hard, his mouth grim.

Diana's breath caught, her heart turning over within her, and right then and there all hope vanished. No one—not even Stephen Curt with his understanding—could be-

expected to forgive or forget the scene just witnessed.

It was Richard Thorpe who recovered and spoke first. "Well, Steve, I wasn't expecting you tonight!"

Stephen's lip curled. "Evidently not."

"I suppose it's useless to say I wasn't expecting Diana, either!" "Quite!" Stephen turned to Diana sharply. "You'll come with me at once!"

DIANA sat stunned. Who had told him she'd be at Richard's lodge? Who, but Adela? It had all been a plot to discredit her in Stephen's eyes!

They drove silently through the night until they reached the portico of the house in Green street. Then Stephen said wearily, "I must remind you again, Diana, that you are still my wife and that I have a certain position to maintain. Also, you've made a bargain which you must live up to. And nothing must appear any different to the outside world—even after tonight. I demand it! Do you understand?"

"Yes, Stephen," she said softly, heart-brokenly, and climbed out of the car and went into the big, quiet house.

Wearily she climbed the stairs to her room, and in the upper hallway met a sleepy-eyed Adela.

"Been somewhere, Diana?" Adela asked, smiling maddeningly. "You do choose the nicest nights to run around in!"

Diana felt herself writhe with cold, helpless fury. Adela would not feel so complacently triumphant if she knew how her precious Richard had made love to Diana.

"You wouldn't know where I've been, I suppose?"

Adela shrugged. "Should I?"

"Your brother is satisfied that I am a liar and a cheat. That's what you wanted, wasn't it?" "I don't know what you're talking about!"

"Don't you?" Flashes of fury darted along Diana's spine. "Then perhaps you'll understand this! I love Stephen Curt and I'm going to fight for him! What do you think of that?"

A sneer crossed Adela's face. "Do you really think you'll win?"

Diana drooped suddenly, her eyes filled with tears, all defiance was gone. "Perhaps not," she admitted, "for you won't hesitate to lie and steal and perjure yourself to get what you want. But," with a fierce intensity, "even you can't keep me from loving him with all my heart!"

(To Be Continued)

Cranium Crackers

Twelfth Month

December is best known as the month of Christmas and the one when winter begins. There are many other interesting items that happen or have occurred during the last of our 12 months.

1. Three presidents were born in December, including one fa-

mous war president and one that served in post-war years. Who were they?

2. Another president made a famous farewell to his officers in December, and was the only president to die in that month. Do you recall his name and the year?

3. History's most famous tea party was held in December, and not in England but in America. Where was it held and who threw it?

4. When does winter begin, according to the calendar?

5. First airplane flight was made in December. Who made it and when?

Mind Your Manners

Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. When a man and woman who are good friends meet on the street does it matter which speaks first?

2. If you have a soda at a counter is it necessary to tip a bar?

3. Is it necessary to tip when you have a drink standing at a bar?

4. Should you tip if the drink is brought to a table?

5. May you tell the waiter who takes your order what brand of liquor you want in your mixed drink?

What would you do if—

You go into a cocktail lounge with friends, all of whom are ordering scotch and sodas, and you prefer a non-alcoholic drink—

(a) Feel that to be congenial you must drink with the others?

(b) Order a non-alcoholic drink without making any point of your order?

Answers

1. No.

2. No.

3. No.

4. Yes.

5. Yes.

Better "What Would You Do" solution—(b).

Late Comedian

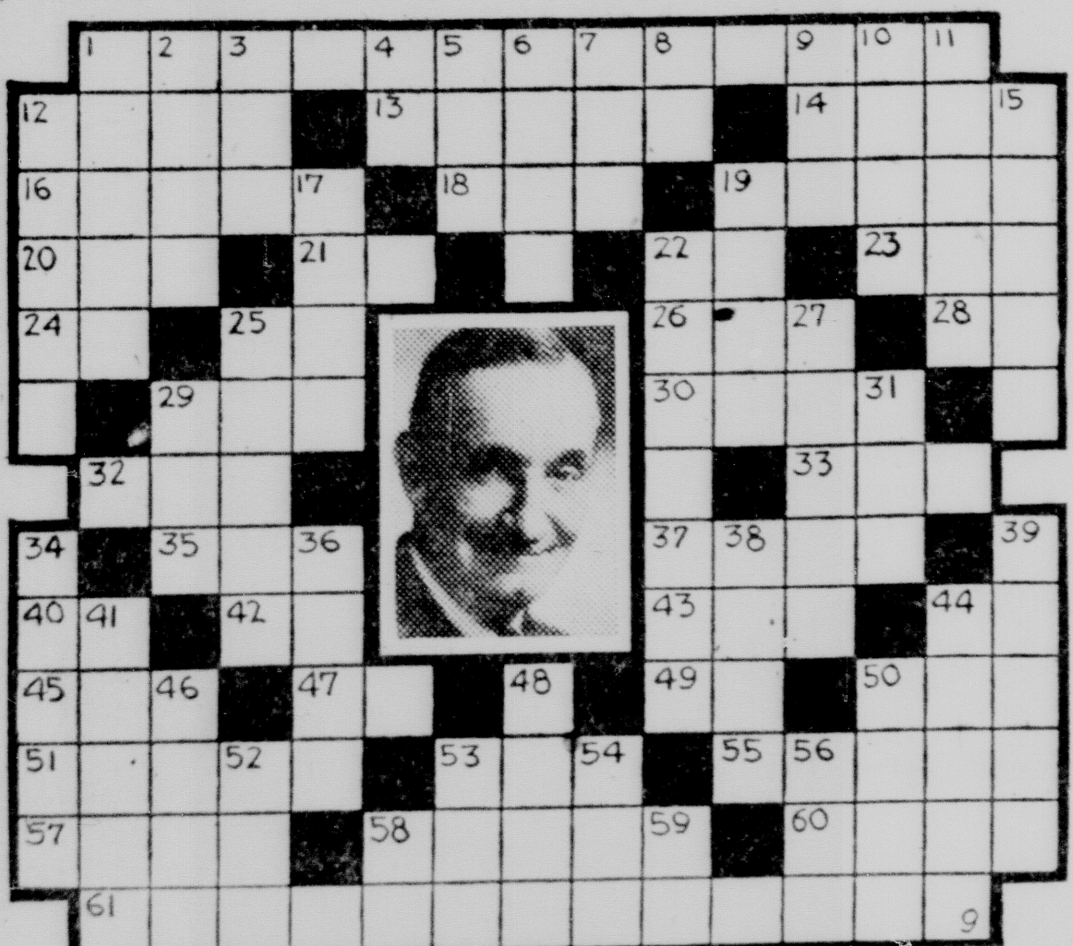
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pictured late actor.
- 12 Destitute.
- 13 Moan.
- 14 Roman road.
- 16 To call forth.
- 18 Termination.
- 19 Fragrant oleoresin.
- 20 Exclamation.
- 21 Rhode Island (abbr.).
- 22 Iridium (symbol).
- 23 Fiber knots.
- 24 Railway (abbr.).
- 25 Toward.
- 26 Small draught.
- 28 Compass point.
- 29 Onager.
- 30 Expensive.
- 32 Constellation.
- 33 Burmese wood spirit.
- 35 Unit of work.
- 37 Mimics.
- 40 Mystic word.
- 42 Thus.
- 43 Nothing.
- 44 Musical note.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SQUIRE PANTS
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CISDT LMAN
ONES HEART LACE
STAIN ARA LOOKS
TEMPER E REGRET
STYENCASED LDS

- 22 He was born in —
- 25 Former Russian rulers
- 27 Saddle pad.
- 29 Part of "be."
- 31 A chief (Arab.).
- 34 Appended musical passage (pl.).
- 36 Pierce with horns.
- 38 Metal fasteners.
- 39 Tendon.
- 41 Feminine courtesy title.
- 44 Moderately feeble-minded person.
- 46 Horseback game.
- 48 Nevada city.
- 50 Pineapple.
- 52 Reverend (abbr.).
- 53 Moccasin.
- 54 Beret.
- 56 Greek letter.
- 58 Exist.
- 59 French article.



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Back Stage

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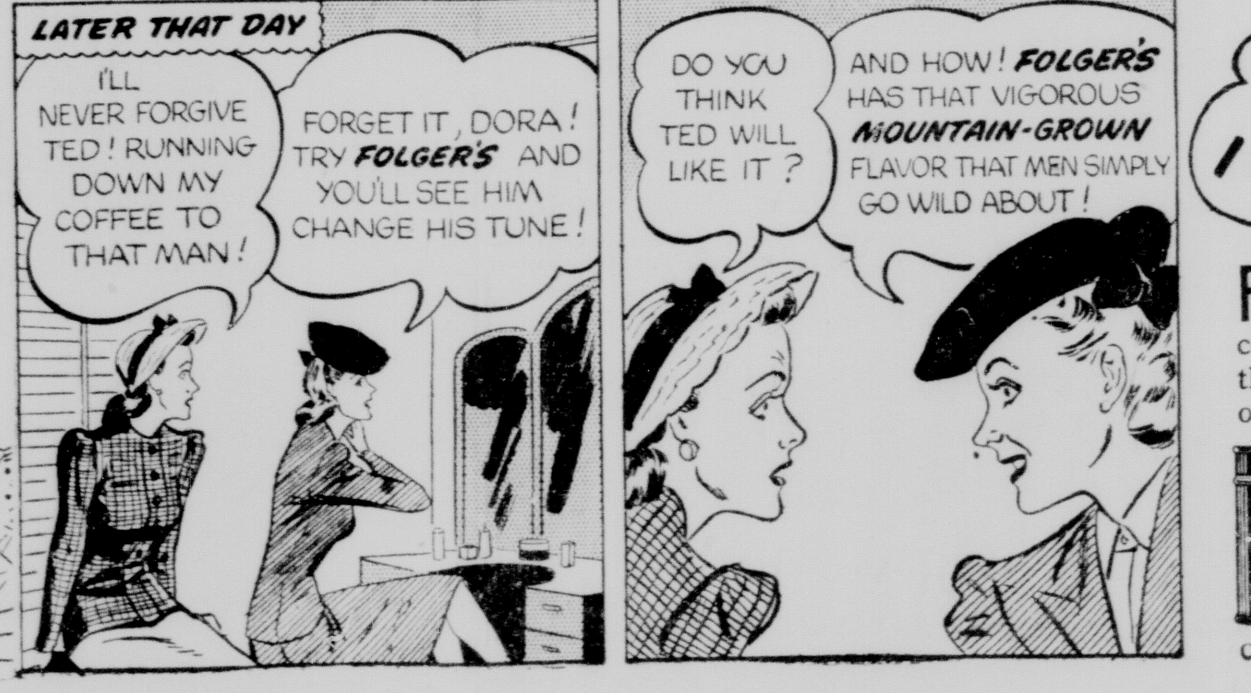
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Introducing—In This Corner

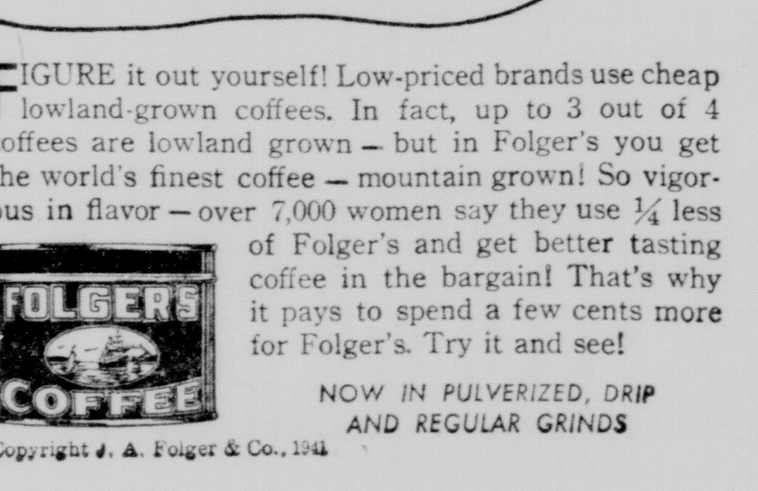
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Warn Following Of Fire Trucks

Special attention is called by both the city fire and police departments to the city ordinance

which prohibits the following of fire or police departments, also parking or stopping close to where a fire is located. City officials are now warning citizens of Sedalia or others that any violator of this city ordinance will be

cut. Congestion was extremely noticeable this morning at the fire call for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., where motorists stopped their cars in the middle of the street and went "curiously looking" as the officers termed it.

All motorists are requested to cooperate and when they see a fire truck parked in the street to turn off at the first intersection and not drive past the fire. In doing this it will give the fire fighters an opportunity to do their work without interference.

Judge C. W. Bente said if any violators are arrested he would not be as lenient as he was a few years ago when more than 80 traffic tickets were issued for similar violations. "At that time \$1 fines were assessed, and in some other cases \$5 fines were paid, but now I will follow the ordinance to the extent of assessing violators \$5 fines and possibly \$100, providing what evidence is presented. There will be no more \$1 fines for such violations," he said.

Bryan Howe, Officer Of Clerks' Association

Bryan Howe, Pettis county's circuit clerk, was elected a vice president of the Missouri Circuit Clerks' Association, at the annual meeting held in Jefferson City last week end.

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ASTOUNDING DEVELOPMENTS As War On U. S. Begins

By DeWitt MacKenzie
Wide World War Analyst

"With war a momentary possibility for weeks why were U. S. defenses in the Pacific caught flat-footed by the Japanese? Did our forces await a declaration of war before taking offensive action?"

The above message from the editor of a South Dakota newspaper was lying on my desk when I arrived at my office in Manhattan this morning. It is a burning question—one which must have been in all our minds—and so this column repeats it.

Honestly I don't know the answer to it—and wish to heaven I did. I woke up in the middle of last night and worried over it. But our naval and military authorities alone can tell us what happened.

Still, probably my South Dakota friend will agree that while the answer to his question is vital, it is far more important that we avoid a second shocking experience of this sort. One suspects, indeed, that the chief purpose of his query was to utter a warning.

Warning of what? The writing on the wall clearly indicates that if the early Japanese operations give sufficient encouragement Hitler may strike at us another lightning blow. Put an exclamation point after that.

Mayor LaGuardia has told New York that "We are not out of the danger zone by any means." There is little doubt of that, for the Atlantic daily is being spanned by air these times, and this country won't have forgotten the German submarines which prowled off our coasts in the last war. The astonishing reports of Japanese warplanes over San Francisco bay, and off the Aleutians, emphasize this danger.

Hitler's chief aim at the moment must be to spike our war aid to Britain and the other allies. In that direction lies his salvation, for it will be disastrous for him if Russia emerges powerful in the spring, and the other allies are all set for action.

Thus far the Nazis haven't employed anything like the total

fleet of submarines they reputedly have amassed. It wouldn't be surprising to see that armada come into action before long. Should Hitler also be able to force the French into giving him their navy, it would create a grave situation for America and the allies.

Probably the grim experience through which we have passed since Sunday has removed the danger of over-confidence on our part. The tradition has grown up that Uncle Sam could whip Japan with one hand tied behind his back. Maybe he could, if he didn't have other commitments, but the only way to look at the thing now is that we have a man-size job cut out for us.

We shall indeed be lucky if the war with Japan doesn't run long. Moreover, we mustn't overlook that the Japanese conflict is part and parcel of the World War and that knocking Japan out won't end the bigger conflagration. I'm afraid we've got to get used to the idea that there's going to be a lot of blood shed.

It inspires confidence to see Washington jumping in to ensure a vast increase in our armament production. Perhaps our greatest single need is to see that home industry produces every single ounce of war material possible, both for our own uses and those of the allies, who are leaning heavily on us.

The war with Japan is incidental to the main objective, which has been set down as destruction of Hitlerism. Therefore the United States would be doing itself a disservice if it allowed the far eastern war to divert its attention from serving the allies. So much depends on Russia now that she cannot be allowed to fall out. If Hitler should get the vast potential resources of the Soviet, there's no telling how far he might go.

Stoppage of our war-aid is one of the big ideas of this latest axis move. Washington has made it clear that nothing will stand in the way of continuing the supplies for the allies.

But to return to the danger of

another axis blow at us, Japan hasn't struck without some sort of promise from Germany. Now is the time to watch out for trouble with Herr Hitler.

Landon Welch Heads Grocers

The Sedalia Retail Grocers Association held its regular annual election of officers Monday night at a meeting in the Bothwell Hotel. Landon Welch was elected president of the organization for 1942.

Other officers elected were Isadore Kanter, vice-president; Harry Kanter, treasurer; Ernest Thompson, Andy Berry, Fred Gehlken, Leonard Anderson and Virgil Corson, directors.

Plans were discussed for the annual Christmas party for the organization. The place and date have not fully been decided upon.

Will Elect Officers

Members of the Townsend club will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, December 11, in the assembly room of the court house for an election of officers.

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